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PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN).

PROPOSED SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET TOUR.

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The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today a report from the Commissioner of Police (Mr. McKinna) had made it clear that it would not be possible for the Police to ensure the same protection for a cricket match as applied in the case of the recent rugby match.

Mr. Dunstan added: "A cricket match is very much more subject to interruption from disturbance and disorder because of the length of the match and the nature of the game.

"While the Government believes that the proposed South African tour should not be undertaken, nevertheless it must uphold the right of public assembly of those who wish to attend matches.

"However, it is quite plain that the Police forces at our disposal cannot ensure that the matches will proceed effectively and without interruption.

"Since this is an issue which so bitterly divides the community, it would be far preferable if the Federal Government were to indicate that it did not believe the tour should proceed until teams are clearly selected on a non-racial basis."

Mr. Dunstan said the views of the Police Commissioner had been conveyed to Sir Donald Bradman, Chairman of the Australian Board of Control for International Cricket.